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Mr. Charles L. Heatherly, Director  
President's Commission on White  
House Fellows  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. Heatherly:

I understand that you and Chuck Briggs recently had a good session on your respective interests and concerns about the White House Fellows Program.

Let me echo Chuck's assurances that we fully support the Program and have held back on accepting Fellows solely because of our unique responsibilities to protect sources and methods and to maintain appropriate compartmentation. Your suggestion that we consider career military officers who would be likely to retain security clearances for their entire careers, however, alleviates our concerns about exposing too many people over time to classified information. We would therefore be delighted to interview [ ] and [ ]

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Any Fellow assigned to CIA, including a military officer, would have to go through our security process which includes polygraph testing. As you know, this is required for all personnel assigned to CIA.

Best of luck to you with this year's Program.

Sincerely,

[ ]

John N. McMahon  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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